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AND OTHER LIQUIDS

Examiner: D. J. Theisen

AMENDMENT

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby address the matters that were raised in the Office Action dated December 27, 2004. Since that Official Action stated that prosecution on the merits is closed, applicants are filing this Amendment as part of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). If the Examiner considers that the RCE is not appropriate, then the Examiner is requested to consider this Amendment and the accompanying submissions as applicants' response to the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request (1) entry into the specification of the two paragraphs [0025] and [0029], which are set forth on the following two pages, in place of paragraphs [0025] and [0029] as filed; (2) acceptance of the replacement drawings submitted herewith; (3) consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith; and (4) favorable reconsideration of the application in view of these submissions and the Remarks that follow the two replacement paragraphs.